

**VIRTUAL PUBLISHING
SYSTEM AND METHOD**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A virtual publishing system and associated method for publishing an authored work in a communications network environment includes a publisher, a repositr linked with the publisher, and a sales manager linked with the publisher and the repositr. The publisher converts the authored work to a resulting commercial-grade publication. The repositr is provided for storing the commercial-grade publication received from the publisher. The sales manager retrieves the commercial-grade publication from the repositr and distributes that commercial-grade publication.